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general directions how to use the same. The book is issued for the use of schools, colleges, Y. M. C. A.'s, in the family and for service in the training of the Red Cross Relief Columns. The author, Major Charles Lynch, has been especially detailed by the War Department to act as the medium between that Department and the National Red Cross. His duties are to study and suggest in what way the services of the society can be made most available. He was the United States medical attache to the Japanese Army during the Russian-Japanese war, and while there availed himself of every opportunity to observe the methods of the Japanese who proved themselves so able in the care of the wounded. He has been engaged since that time in organizing First Aid and Relief Columns, lecturing, and otherwise devoting much time to the subject.

Surgeon-General O'Reilly in the preface points out the good which may be done by proper organization and knowledge in times of war or in great calamities.

PRACTICE OF MEDICINE FOR NURSES. A Text-book for Nurses and Students of Domestic Science, and a Hand-book for all those who care for the sick. By George Howard Hoxie, M.D., Professor of Internal Medicine, University of Kansas. With a chapter on the Technic of Nursing by Pearl L. Laptad, Principal of the Training School for Nurses, University of Kansas. Price $1.50 net. W. B. Saunders Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

A compendium of a practice of medicine this book is; as it covers such an immense subject, or number of subjects so very briefly, its forty-four chapters covering almost twice that number of subjects and the chapter on nursing being reduced to an attenuated sketch of the subject.

Perhaps the most valuable portion of the book is contained in the first three chapters—on the definition of disease and its causes, the cure of disease and the means of determining the condition of patients. The reader who desires to have in very concise form a great deal of information, who likes to get things at a glance,—say the kidneys, their diseases, treatment, and proper diet, to the same on four pages, will find in this work just what she wants, but in the reviewer's opinion the subject matter is treated too discursively to be of value except as a book for hasty reference. The book is very elegantly bound and profusely illustrated.